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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application Number | 10/057,533 |
| Filing Date | 1/24/2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Nico N. RACZEK |
| Art Unit | 1761 |
| Examiner Name | Keith D. HENDRICKS |
| Attorney Docket Number | 01/017 NUT |

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.114 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other Petition for Revival of a Patent app.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2193
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(c)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Examiner Name | K. D. HENDRICKS |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 770 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 | 340 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 830 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | (\$) |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--|----------|
| 1202 | 18 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 88 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | | (\$) |

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 820* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | Extension for reply within first month | 120.00 |
| 1252 | 420 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1808 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(e)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.128(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | 780.00 |
| 1802 | 600 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify):

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 910.00

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